

ECW on TNN – September 29, 2000: Last Week Tonight

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Location: The Icenter, Salem, New Hampshire

Attendance: 1,500

Commentators: Joey Styles, Joel Gertner

The show is on borrowed time as Monday Night Raw has debuted on the same network so this episode really doesn't mean anything. It's the go home show for Anarchy Rulz but at the same time it's featuring a three way dance for the ECW World Title with Justin Credible defending against Jerry Lynn and Steve Corino. Let's get to it.

Lou E. Dangerously cuts off the intro and says he wrote all of Joel's material. They even made him a Dudley and now he'll be the death of Joel Gertner. Joel goes on a rant about how he never liked Lou in any of his characters. Now Lou is the Network's music consultant and gay jokes are made. The "fight" is on with Joel slapping him into the corner, only to have Cyrus come in for the beatdown. Joey actually makes the save and thank goodness this isn't the WWF or we'd get a tag match.

Opening sequence.

Joey threatens violence if Lou interferes on Sunday. Egads I'm shaking in my...well I'm not wearing shoes but I wouldn't be shaking in them even if I was.

Here's the whole Kid Kash vs. Rhino TV Title match from last week, plus the post match brawl with Van Dam.

Rhino dreams of breaking Van Dam's neck.

ECW World Title: Justin Credible vs. Jerry Lynn vs. Steve Corino

Justin is defending and we see the entrances for the second week in a row. We take a break and come back for the big match intros as they might as well just put up a test patterns for all the time they're killing here. Justin gets double teamed to start and all three wind up on the floor. Back in and Justin puts both guys down so it's time for a chair and some swearing.

Corino fights back as this is getting a lot less heat than you would expect. Now it's Jerry firing off right hands onto Justin's head to bust him open. Everyone fights into the crowd for a few seconds and all three are bleeding. There's just nothing to talk about here and it's getting more and more obvious every second. The referee gets bumped as Jerry hits the cradle piledriver on Justin.

Cue heel referee Danny Daniels to count two and stop, allowing Justin to hit That's Incredible.....and now the referees start fighting. Of course they do. A superkick sends Jerry into another That's Incredible for the first elimination. Way to make the #1 contender seem important ECW. So we're down to one on one but let's pause for Jack Victory and Francine's interaction which goes nowhere.

Corino chops away until Justin hits him low, allowing Francine to tape him to the top rope. As in WHERE JUSTIN CAN'T PIN HIM. Well done Francine. Justin canes him a few times for two more as the fans want Sandman. Old School Expulsion on the chair gets two more with Francine making the save so here's Dawn Marie for the catfight. Gah JUST END THIS ALREADY! That's Incredible retains Credible's title.

Rating: D+. Here's the problem: why should I care about any of these guys? Lynn is the guy who has never won anything, Corino's big deal is that he was a comedy jobber a few months ago and Credible is as uninteresting of a champion as you can find. The brawling was fine, even though they've made no secret of the fact that Lynn is getting the title on Sunday, making this overbooked mess a big waste of time.

CW Anderson is looking for Steve Corino and beats up Jack Victory to set up a #1 contenders match with Steve on Sunday.

Justin says he'll beat Jerry.

Lynn is tired of making everyone else so he'll make himself this time.

Overall Rating: D. When you have to air last week's match to fill in time, you've reached the point of cutting the cord. I know it doesn't warrant mentioning tonight as they've basically canceled the program at this point but the main event is where it is because of their love affair with the TV Title. Rhino might as well be World Champion at this point and it basically left the main event a glorified midcard title match. This company is clearly ready to die

and it's getting really hard to sit through these shows.

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